

# HUS HAPPENINGS

October 2008

## Did You Lose Your Horse Today?

Once there was an old man who lived in a tiny village. Although poor, he was envied by all, because he owned a beautiful white horse. People offered fabulous prices for the horse, but the old man always refused. "This horse is a friend, not a possession," he would respond.

One morning the horse was not in the stable. All the villagers said, "You old fool. We told you someone would steal that beautiful horse. You could at least have gotten the money. Now the horse is gone, and you've been cursed with misfortune." The old man responded, "Perhaps. All I know is that my horse is gone; the rest I do not know. Whether it be a curse or a blessing, I can't say."

After fifteen days the horse returned. He hadn't been stolen; he had run away into the forest. Not only had he returned, he had brought a dozen wild horses back with him. Once again the village people gathered around the old man and said, "You were right – what we thought was a curse was a blessing. Please forgive us." The old man responded, "Perhaps. Once again you've gone too far. How do

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## What is God calling me to do? - Part 1

*Christian vocation means God calls everyone to a life of service in everything we do*  
by Marcia Clark Myers

Jimmy Anderson was driving home one morning after working the "hoot owl shift" at the Harris coal mine near Bald Knob, W.Va. As he headed up the mountain, a runaway fuel truck careened down toward him, the driver trying desperately to brake. The 18-wheeler slid into the miner's Subaru, then swerved over the steep embankment dragging the car with it.

Anderson thought he was dead. Then his car stopped abruptly. Another truck had hooked the bumper of the small car and knocked it loose. The driver of the fuel truck was killed in a fiery crash.

In his hospital bed later Anderson wondered, "What am I here for? What does God want me to do?"

Most of us don't experience a dramatic close brush with death before asking the question, "What is God calling me to do with my life?" The question comes from deep within. It is one of the most important questions

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"Forgiveness can remarkably restore our relationships,  
renew our spirits and revitalize our lives."

—William Arthur Ward

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

6 Carl Studt  
8 Marj Nejd  
10 Jim Porter  
11 Tessa Snyder  
14 Evelyn Studt  
15 JoAnne Hebert  
19 Malcolm Klopp  
20 Vince Theiss  
24 Wendy Barton  
27 Chelsey McDill



## ANNIVERSARIES

2 Steve & Lois Snyder 9  
6 Don & Karla Zahradnik 40  
13 Malcolm & Margaret Klopp 49

## Ushers & Greeters



### October 5<sup>th</sup>

Helen Anderson & Pat Jones  
Jack Funcke & Eleanor Harville

### October 12<sup>th</sup>

Grace Ford & Ruby Warren  
Lisa & Brianna McAtee

### October 19<sup>th</sup>

Eulalia Johnson & Marlus Grimm  
Marj Nejd & Marge Pace

### October 26<sup>th</sup>

Dick & Janet Ransom  
Anne McDill & Jean White

"If you really believe the Christian gospel — God behind us, his cause committed to us, his power available for us — then proclaim it, live it, implement it, for humanity's hope depends upon it. It is, indeed, a faith for tough times."

—Harry Emerson Fosdick











## CORRIDOR RECOVERY

Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis.  
Go to [www.corridorrecovery.org](http://www.corridorrecovery.org) or call 319.540.4810 to sign up.

For help with your home call 319.540.4815.

### Two Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Sites are now up and running in Cedar Rapids.

They are located at Christ Church Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian in Cedar Rapids. They will be hosting overnight work teams from around the state and around the country. Both churches anticipate that they will be able to house around 45-50 people.

Call the Presbytery at 800.957.4389 to help/get help.



Do you own your own home  
or does it own you?

There is help:  
[www.iowamortgagehelp.com](http://www.iowamortgagehelp.com)

*"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."*

1 Peter 4:10

## Disaster Recovery Home Rebuilding

Eight Days of Hope was meant to be a one-time visit to the Gulf Coast with a handful of people after Hurricane Katrina. God has allowed this ministry to blossom into so much more! On five different occasions thousands of volunteers have descended on the Gulf Coast to minister to people needs and help them put their lives back in order after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We also recently had our first non-disaster relief effort in Tupelo, Mississippi. We partnered with Global Outreach as they complete their offices where they will train and equip missionaries before they depart across the world spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ!

For our sixth disaster-related trip we will be ministering to the people of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, following the flooding that has affected over 4,000 homeowners this past June. 8 Days of Hope VI will be visiting our country's heartland as we try to help hundreds of these homeowners in this area who did not have any flood insurance and are left without the use of their homes. We will be doing mechanical work, electrical, drywall, carpentry and painting jobs just to name a few.

Some of the highlights from our five trips include:

- 4,950 volunteers have participated in these relief efforts!
- 8 Days of Hope have remodeled, refurbished or rebuilt 834 homes!
- 13,000 pieces of sheetrock have been installed!
- 3,200 squares of roofing shingles have been nailed on roofs!
- 220 homes have completely or partially been rewired!
- Over 1,700 rolls of insulation have been installed!
- 51 homes have been primed and painted!
- 340 homes have had extensive carpentry work done!
- \$7.5 million dollars of labor has been donated through Eight Days of Hope!



As one can see the volunteers from 43 states and multiple countries have showed up to work! In fact over 146,000 man-hours have been worked during these six trips!

The real story behind 8 Days of Hope is the lives of homeowners and volunteers that are being changed forever through these relief efforts. On these four trips our volunteers have come to bless others only to go home

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## Youth Announcements

- ✚ **Wolia:** Don't forget to bring \$1 each week for Wolia!
- ✚ **Youth Group:** meal at 5:15 PM, youth group at 5:45 PM.
- ✚ **Spirit Skate:** October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Super Skate.
- ✚ **Sunday Evening Meal:** the youth will be serving the meal on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 6 PM, at 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church, CR.
- ✚ **Confirmation:** next class in Oct 5<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 3 PM.
- ✚ **Fall Retreat:** The fall retreat will be October 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> at Camp Wyoming. Register today!!
- ✚ **NO Youth Group:** on Wednesday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ **Halloween:** help us pass out candy on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, time TBD.

## Questions?

### Want more information?

Please call, text or email Terry.  
Church: 363-0067 — Cell: 361-3825  
Email: [youthandfamily@huschurch.org](mailto:youthandfamily@huschurch.org)  
Online at [www.180yfl.huschurch.org/](http://www.180yfl.huschurch.org/)



- ✚ Share the relevant Gospel message with friends and neighbors
- ✚ Send a message to Hollywood that Jesus-friendly films draw crowds
- ✚ Support and strengthen the divine institution of marriage and family

Help encourage more filmmakers to consider incorporating the powerful message of Jesus Christ into their films, and into our culture. **STRONG SUPPORT OF THE FILM THIS WEEKEND WILL NOT GO UNNOTICED.**

**Wehrenberg Galaxy 16 Cinema  
and at the Coral Ridge 10 Theatres.**

Presbyterians ask.

Some Christians emphasize the question “Am I saved?” Presbyterians emphasize the question “What am I saved for?” We believe that in Christ God has saved us and our lives are lived in grateful response. Baptism is a sign that we belong to God and we are called for service.

The first question in the Westminster Shorter Catechism is: “What is the chief end of man?” [sic]. The answer: “To glorify God and enjoy him forever.” This concept of a call to a life of joyful service to glorify God is what we mean by the term Christian vocation.

### **Not just church work**

Prior to the Reformation, vocation or calling was thought to be only for those who worked for the church as priests, monks or nuns. An important belief of the reformers John Calvin and Martin Luther was that God calls every person. Vocation is not just for pastors or those who work for the church.

God calls us to our life work and to a life of service in everything we do. John Calvin had high expectations that baptized Christians would actively seek the welfare of others in the community of Geneva, Switzerland, through education, health care and governance. For example, he dispatched elders to inspect fireplaces for safety. Imagine if pastors today asked for reports from elders at each session meeting on their activities for the community’s welfare! Presbyterians are involved in many such activities — the PTA, city council, literacy campaigns, ethics committees, clean air task forces, etc. — so there would be much to report.

One of the wonderful things about our Reformed understanding of vocation is that we are called to serve God in a shared ministry. Ministers and elders serve together. In fact, every baptized Christian is called to participate. The Greek word for church, *ecclesia*, means “the called-out ones.” Recognizing this, Highland Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Ky., has adopted the slogan “Ordinary People Answering God’s Call.”

Our understanding of Christian vocation is very powerful. By unleashing all of the people of God to do ministry on Main Street and everywhere we find ourselves, God has multiplied the impact of the gospel exponentially. As with the miracle of the loaves and fishes, we are able to take what God has given and serve the many.

Ministers and other ordained leaders of the church are charged with equipping and encouraging all the baptized to respond to their calls. They are talent scouts, always on the lookout for gifts in others that can be nurtured and put to use. A retiree is connected with Habitat for Humanity. A beautician is encouraged to offer her skills to the women’s shelter. A gifted young musician performs for nursing home residents.

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feeling like they were the ones being blessed.

In the first book of Peter 4:10, he tells us to use the gifts that God has given us to minister to one another. Eight Days of Hope plans to live this call out during our mission trips to natural disaster areas.

Please continue learning more about this grass roots effort wanting and willing to sacrifice in order to bring hope to those in need. The number 8 means “new beginnings.”

Our prayer is that you will feel called to make a difference with us one home, and more importantly, one life at a time. Help bring a new beginning to families who are feeling hopeless.

May God bless you as you consider how you can make a difference with Eight Days of Hope!

Stephen Tybor III  
President – Eight Days of Hope

You can help. Sign up at [www.eightdaysofhope.com/volunteer.html](http://www.eightdaysofhope.com/volunteer.html). Don’t have Internet access? Sign up at Hus Church. For more information go to [www.eightdaysofhope.com](http://www.eightdaysofhope.com) or contact the church office.



you know if this is a blessing or a curse? Unless you can see the whole story, how can you judge?" But the people could only see the obvious. The old man now had twelve additional horses that could be broken and sold for a great deal of money.

The old man had a son, an only son. He began to break the wild horses. Unfortunately, after just a few days, he fell from a horse and broke both his legs. Once again the villagers gathered around the old man and said, "You were right. The wild horses were not a blessing; they were a curse. Your only son has broken his legs and now in your old age you have no one to help you. You are poorer than ever." But the old man said, "Perhaps. Don't go so far. Say only that my son broke his legs. We have only a fragment of the whole story."

It so happened that a few weeks later the country went to war with a neighboring country. All the young men of the village were required to join the army. Only the son of the old man was excluded, because he had two broken legs. Once again the people gathered around, crying because there was little chance their sons would return. "You were right, old man. Your son's accident was a blessing. Our sons are gone forever." The old man spoke again. "You people are always quick to jump to conclusions. Only God knows the final story."

*And so it is with our lives. What we see as a blessing or a curse may simply be part of God's preparation for what lies ahead. Be careful in seeing "disaster" in any change. Just recognize it as change – which opens the door for good as well as bad – for gain as well as possible loss.*

## "authentic faith"

2008 fall retreat



october 24 - 26



middle & high school

register today!

cost: \$60

for more information contact Terry!



### Hus Church Cancellation / Inclement Weather Policy

We will endeavor to keep the church facility open and associated ministries operating as much as possible. There are times, however, when weather and road conditions dictate that services, ministries and the facility must be closed. The following material outlines these policies. Decisions to close (or not) are made by the following that have been appointed by Session: Marcia Funcke, Doug Page, Eldie Svoboda and Terry Van Wyk.

**Important Safety Note:** Weather conditions in and around the church can vary substantially from those in other areas of Cedar Rapids, surrounding towns, and through out the county. Even though the building may be open or an event has not been cancelled, only you can decide whether conditions in your area will allow for safe travel. Please use your own best judgment regarding travel conditions in your area.

**Posting of Information:** Closings or cancellations referred to below are posted on the Hus website ([www.huschurch.org](http://www.huschurch.org)) and on KCRG, KWWL, and KGAN. Please note that the church website should be the first place to check as it can take the media time to get the information on air and on their websites. Expect a call from a church representative **only if you have requested a personal call**. To request a call, please contact the church office (319.363.0067). If you would like to receive an email notification, please let the office know.

**Worship Services:** Closing information will be posted on the Hus website no later than two hours prior to worship services.

**Building Closing:** It is rare that we have to close the building due to weather. However, when this occurs it can be assumed that ALL ACTIVITIES and EVENTS scheduled during the period of the closure are cancelled. If the building is closed in the morning, it will likely be closed all day and evening. Hus Presbyterian Church will follow the Cedar Rapids / College Community School Districts for cancellation of events, meetings, etc. It should be further noted that the decision to close the building would not necessarily be tied to any outside organization or the closing choices made by local school systems.

**Early Dismissal/Closure:** If weather conditions deteriorate during the day, it is possible that the building will be closed for the evening only. This information will be posted by no later than two hours prior to an event or activity.

**All cancellation policies include outside groups.**

*Approved by Session August 19, 2008*

# Rotational Sunday School Exploring God's World

**Hus Church Sunday School is from  
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM each Sunday**

The kids in Rotational Sunday School continue to learn about the life of David. David had to wait for 24 years before he became king! The students are learning that:

- God is in charge, working steadfastly according to His own plan and timetable.
- God sees things that people do not. Even God's most trusted and most faithful followers sometimes fail to follow God's instructions, taking charge themselves and relying wrongly on themselves. We recognize ourselves in their struggles to understand and to do God's will.

The memory verses are:

1 Samuel 16:7b "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

2 Samuel 5:10 "And David became more and more powerful, because the Lord God Almighty was with him."

Psalms 74:12 "You have been our king from the beginning, O God; You have saved us many times."

***KIDS AGES 3-5<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE WILL MEET IN  
THE SCRIPTURE  
SAFARI ROOM. FROM  
THERE, WE'LL DIRECT  
THE KIDS TO THEIR  
STATION FOR THE DAY.***

## **The Stations:**

**Imagination Island:  
Creative Art**

**Bible Broadway:  
Drama**

**Movies on the Mount:  
Video**

**SCRIPTURE  
SAFARI:  
Bible Exploration**

**Polar PC.:  
Computers**

**THE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL GANG  
MEETS IN THEIR  
OWN ROOM WITH  
CINDY.**

**Youth in  
High School  
meet in the  
Youth Room  
for  
Sunday School  
with  
Terry & Diane.**

**Adults meet in the  
Adult Sunday School  
Room for class with  
Judy! Come join in  
the discussion on the  
Book of Revelation.  
All are welcome.**

**Please contact the church  
office to get a book ordered.**



# OCTOBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Wed. Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group Movie Night - 5:15 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	2	3	4 Men's Breakfast - 8 AM at Wilson Ave Hy-Vee Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference - 7:30 AM - 4:55 PM at 1st Assembly of God
5 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Peter Yoder teaching Sunday school - 10:45 AM Confirmation 1 - 3 PM Youth Serving meal at 1st Lutheran 4 - 6 PM	6 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	7 Quilter's - 8:30 AM	8 Wed. Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	9	10	11 Hus Racing League: Registration - 9:30 AM Racing at 10 AM Hus Worship Team at Mission of Hope - 6:30 PM
12 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos teaching Sunday school - 10:45 AM	13 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	14 Quilter's - 8:30 AM East IA Presbytery Meeting - Westminster Pres.	15 Wed. Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Deacons Meeting - 6 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	16	17	18
19 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Re. Enlin Li teaching Sunday school - 10:45 AM All Church Potluck - 11:30 AM Confirmation 1 - 3 PM	20 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	21 Men's Breakfast - 7:30 AM at Wilson Ave Hy-Vee Quilter's - 8:30 AM Session Meeting - 7 PM	22 Wed. Meal - 5:30 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	23 Lunch Bunch at Bishops - 11:30 AM	24 Fall Youth Retreat at Camp Wyoming	25 Fall Youth Retreat at Camp Wyoming
26 Fall Youth Retreat at Camp Wyoming Worship Service - 9:30 AM Sunday school - 10:45 AM	27 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	28 Quilter's - 8:30 AM	29 Worship Team - 7:00 PM	30	31 Youth Group passing out candy for Halloween 	



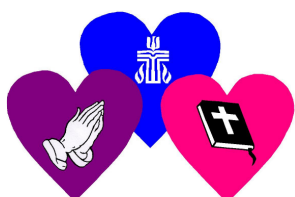
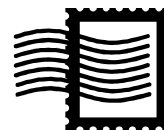
## Eight Days of Hope

- Hus will be hosting volunteers Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. See article on page 3 of the newsletter for more information.

# Hus Presbyterian Church

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**October 2008**  
**Hus Happenings**  
[www.huschurch.org](http://www.huschurch.org)



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## International Peacemaker, Rev. Enlin Li Guest Pastor at Hus on October 19<sup>th</sup>!



Rev. Enlin Li, an International Peacemaker from China, will be visiting the Presbytery of East Iowa from Oct. 13-19. She will be filling the pulpit at Hus church on Oct 19th. Rev. Li will be speaking on the church in China, China's reform and its challenges, and the work of the Christian foundation ([www.amityfoundation.org](http://www.amityfoundation.org)) Amity, her employer. Some Amity projects include work with migrant workers, education for disabled children, environmentally responsible rural development, helping those with HIV/AIDS, and disaster relief.



### All Church Potluck with Rev. Enlin Li

Join us for an all church potluck on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM after Sunday school.  
Please bring a dish to share. Coffee and punch will be provided.

